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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF SOVIET FORESTRY VISIT

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM SUMMARIZING
8/21-30/77 VISIT OF SOVIET FORESTRY TEAM LAST FALL. "TO:
JOHN R. MCGUIRE, CHIEF; U.S. FOREST SERVICE - FROM AUGUST
21-30, AMERICAN AND SOVIET SCIENTISTS AND SPECIALISTS IN
GENETICS, AFFORESTATION, AND SEED HANDLING MET IN THE
UNITED STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED WORKING PLAN
FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN DUR TWO COUNTRIES IN FORESTRY
RESEARCH. THE DELEGATION FROM THE USSR CONSISTED OF
MR. V. D. BAYTALA, DEPUTY MINISTRY OF FORESTRY, UKRAINIAN
S.S.R., AND MR. S. P. IVANNIKOV, LABORATORY OF FOREST
GENETICS, MOSCOW. DR. STANLEY L. KRUGMAN, PRINCIPAL FOR-
EST GENETICIST, U.S. FOREST SERVICE, WASHINGTON D.C.,
SERVED AS TECHNICAL ADVISOR. MR. ALEX VASILEVSKY, FORES-
TER OF THE NORTH CENTRAL EXPERIMENT STATION, SERVED AS
INTERPRETER.

IT WAS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT DURING THE VISITS TO THE
VARIOUS GENETIC AND SEED RESEARCH INSTITUTES, THAT
NECESSARY INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED ON THE RESEARCH IN
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PROGRESS AND ON PLANNED FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTES

DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT, FOUR MAJOR AREAS OF
GENETICS RESEARCH - POPULATION GENETICS, BREEDING, TREE
BIOLOGY, AND SHELTERBELT AND WINDBREAK DESIGN - WERE
REVIEWED FOR THREE DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.
IN THIS MANNER, THE SOVIET DELEGATION WAS PROVIDED AN

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT RESEARCH METHODS AND CURRENT FIELD AND LABORATORY TECHNIQUES NOW BEING EMPLOYED BY THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE. DATA AND COMPLETED PUBLICATIONS WERE EXCHANGED FOR THOSE STUDIES REVIEWED AND FOR OTHER STUDIES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. BREEDING MATERIALS WERE PROVIDED TO BE TEXTED IN THE U.S.S.R. IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SEE TREE SPECIES GROWING IN THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS AND STUDY GENETIC TECHNIQUES ACTUALLY BEING APPLIED.

AFTER COMPLETING OUR REVIEW OF THE DIFFERENT GENETIC PROGRAMS AND HAVING NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPARE RESEARCH EFFORTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND U.S.S.R., IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE TO DEVELOP TECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE ACTED UPON WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CURRENT WORKING PLAN.

WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THIS PRODUCTIVE TECHNICAL EXCHANGE CONTINUES. WE SUGGEST THAT THE LEADERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FORESTRY DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR THE ORDERLY EXCHANGE OF SELECTED FOREST TREE SEEDS FOR FIELD TESTING IN THE U.S.S.R. AND U.S. THIS ACTIVITY SHOULD BE INITIATED QUICKLY SO THAT SEEDS WOULD BE READY FOR SPRING PLANTING. THE GENETICISTS INVOLVED IN THE TECHNICAL EXCHANGE HAVE ALREADY AGREED ON THE GENERAL GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES. SEED MATERIAL IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THIS

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EXCHANGE.

WE RECOMMEND THAT THE LEADERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON FORESTRY DEVELOP GUIDELINES AND MAKE PROVISIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO EXCHANGE SCIENTISTS FOR A WORKING PERIOD OF AT LEAST 1-3 MONTHS FOR JOINT AND COOPERATIVE RESEARCH IN SELECTED LABORATORIES AND FIELD STATIONS. AMONG THE TECHNICAL AREAS WHICH SHOULD BE COVERED IN SUCH AN EXCHANGE ARE: POPULATION STUDIES OF NATIVE FOREST TREES; BREEDING METHODS AND STRATEGIES; MANAGEMENT AND DESIGN OF SEED ORCHARDS; SELECTION STRATEGIES; SHELTERBELT AND WINDBREAK DESIGNS; AND SEED PHYSIOLOGY AS RELATED TO GENETICS. MOST OF THESE SUBJECTS CAN BE STUDIED JOINTLY AND CONCURRENTLY AT THE APPROPRIATE INSTITUTES.

FURTHERMORE, THE TECHNICAL EXCHANGE OF LITERATURE AND INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONTINUED TO FACILITATE THESE ACTIVITIES. TO ENSURE MAXIMUM BENEFITS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES PREPARE, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, CONCRETE PROPOSALS CONCERNING SUBJECT AREAS WHICH ARE OF MAIN INTEREST TO EACH COUNTRY, IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE SCIENTIFIC WORKERS, LOCATION OF INSTITUTIONS, AND THE WORK DURATION.

WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS TECHNICAL VISIT HAVE BEEN FRIENDLY AND MOST PRODUCTIVE. WE FEEL THAT SUCH EXCHANGES CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO PROGRESS IN COOPERATION IN FOREST GENETICS."

2. ALTHOUGH ABOVE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY DELEGATION LEADER IT WAS TRANSMITTED TO BRANDT BY LETTER SIGNED BY A. I.

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CHILIMOV. IN HIS LETTER CHILIMOV REQUESTS THAT YOU SIGN AND RETURN ONE COPY OF THE BAYTALA LETTER, IF YOU AGREE WITH ITS CONTENT.

3. WE ARE POUCHING INVOLVED LETTERS TO YOU, BUT IN VIEW OF SUBSTANCE ON BAYTALA LETTER, WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT ITS CONTENT BY CABLE AND POSSIBLY BE INTERESTED IN USING RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER TO EXPEDITE OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDER AGREEMENT. TOON

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